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SUBJECT: CIEC : PRESS CONFERENCE BY PEREZ-GUERRERO AND
AMBASSADOR AKHUND

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS THE OPI SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 8
PRESS BRIEFING BY DR. MANUEL PEREZ-GUERRERO, MINISTER OF
STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (VENEZUELA) AND
CIEC CO-CHAIRMAN AND PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR IQBAL AKHUND,
CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77.

2. COMMENT: IN MISSIONS RECOLLECTION, THIS IS AS
CLOSE AS THE G-77 HAS EVER COME IN EMBRACING G-19 EFFORTS
AT CIEC. WE ARE ALSO STRUCK BY AMBASSADOR AKHUND'S COMMENT
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THAT FOLLOWING GA CONSIDERATION OF SOME OF THE BASIC
ISSUES WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE
TO GO BACK TO A SMALLER GROUP OF EXPERTS SUCH AS THE PARIS
FORUM TO CONTINUE THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

QUOTE BRIEFING BY DR. MANUEL PEREZ-GUERRERO, MINISTER OF
STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (VENEZUELA)
AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF JUST CONCLUDED PARIS CIEC NORTH-SOUTH

DIALOG, AND PAKISTAN AMB. ICBAL AKHUND IN HIS CAPACITY AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77. WED. JUNE 8, 1977, ROOM 226 UN

AMB. AKHUND SPOKE FIRST, INTRODUCING PEREZ-GUERRERO.
HE NOTED THE GROUP OF 77 MET BRIEFLY YESTERDAY TO MAKE AN
INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PARIS MEETING; THAT THEY HAVE MADE
NO DECISIONS ON THE NEXT STEP; ARE AWAITING PAPERS FROM
PARIS TO FURTHER STUDY THE RESULTS. THEY WILL THEN PRESUMABLY
CONSULT WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND PRESIDENT OF
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NEXT STEP, A SPECIAL SESSION. WHILE A
SMALLER DIALOG SUCH AS THAT IN PARIS WAS VERY USEFUL AT THE
TIME, IT IS NOW FELT MORE COUNTRIES SHOULD BE BROUGHT
INTO THE DISCUSSION OF AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. AL-
THOUGH PARIS WAS OUTSIDE THE STRICT FRAMEWORK OF THE UN,
HE NOTED THAT GEN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS SPECIFICALLY CALLED
FOR A RESUMED SPECIAL SESSION TO EVALUATE CIEC DECISIONS.
HE DESCRIBED THE INITIAL GROUP OF 77 ASSESSMENT
YESTERDAY AS "ONLY PRELIMINARY, AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS."
HE PRAISED PEREZ GUERRERO FOR CONDUCTING THE PARIS TALKS
WITH GREATEST PATIENCE AND GOOD JUDGMENT UNDER GREAT
DIFFICULTY.

AMB. PEREZ GUERRERO SAID THAT WHILE CIEC TOOK A YEAR
AND A HALF THE SAME DISCUSSION HAS BEEN GOING ON IN OTHER
UN FORUMS ALL THIS TIME INCLUDING UNCTAD. BRINGING THE
DISCUSSION BACK TO THE UN IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE "WE DIDN'T
COVER AS MUCH GROUND AS WE EXPECTED TO IN PARIS." HE
CALLED CIEC A "PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT" WITH PROGRESS IN
SOME AREAS BUT SOME VERY IMPORTANT MATTERS OF STRUC-
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TURE LEFT UNRESOLVED, E.G. PROTECTION OF EXPORTS FROM DEV-
ELOPING COUNTRIES. HE DESCRIBED THE COMMON FUND AS THE
KEY INSTRUMENT OF AN INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM, AND HAS
HOPE AND CONFIDENCE THAT AT THE UNCTAD MEETING IN
NOVEMBER THERE WILL BE A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION TO IMPLEMENT
THE COMMON FUND. IN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
THE TWO MEN MADE THESE KEY POINTS:
HOPES FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER-
THIS WILL TAKE TIME, BUT HOPEFULLY NOT TOO MUCH OR EVENTS WILL
OVERTAKE; WHAT IS NEEDED IS AN ORDERLY PROCEDURE NOW THAT
BENEFITS BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLD, BECAUSE WITHOUT
THIS THERE CAN BE NO ORDER. "DISORDER IS NOT GOOD FOR ANYONE,"
PEREZ GUERRERO COMMENTED. INTERDEPENDENCE WILL MEAN MORE
EQUITABLE SHARING; HE FEELS BETER UNDERSTANDING OF THIS
AND MAJOR PROBLEMS DID COME OUT OF PARIS.

WHY IS DIALOG BROUGHT BACK NOW TO THE UN?
THERE WILL BE GOOD OPTIONS OPEN IN THE SPECIAL SESSION OF GA-
NOT JUST FOR OPECE COUNTRIES BUT ALL. HE SAID THAT NOW MUCH

MORE UNITES THE GROUP OF 77 THAN DIVIDES THEM; THAT IT IS THE
RIGHT TIME TO HAVE COME BACK TO THE "MOTHER GROUP" OF 77
AND FROM THAT BASE GO AHEAD WITHIN THE UN BECAUSE THIS GIVES
THE REQUIRED SOLIDARITY NEEDED AT THIS POINT. AMB. AKHUND
SAID IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF COMING FULL CIRCLE BUT THAT SOME
OF THE BASIC ISSUES ARE ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL
AND THAT POLITICAL SOLUTIONS IN A POLITICAL BODY SUCH
AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS ESSENTIAL. ONCE THAT HAS
BEEN ACHIEVED IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GO BACK TO THE SMALLER
BODY OF EXPERTS SUCH AS THE PARIS FORUM, HE SAID HE
COULDN'T SAY WHICH IS THE BETTER FORUM, BECAUSE IT IS A
"MULTI-FACETED PROBLEM" AND CERTAIN FORUMS MUST BE
USED AT CERTAIN TIMES. THEY ESTIMATED THERE ARE NOW 114
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IN THE GROUP OF 77 AND THEY SHOULD BE HEARD FROM IN A RESUMED
SPECIAL SESSION. THEY ALSO SEE A DISCUSSION OF OIL IN
SUCH A SESSION BUT NOT THE SPECIFICS OF OIL. "IF WE WERE NOT
OPTIMISTIC WE WOULD NOT CONTINUE THE DIALOG. THE UN WAS
CREATED FOR SUCH DIALOG."

COMMON FUND-

THEY WELCOME THE PROGRESS MADE IN PARIS ON THIS AND SEE GOOD SUPPORT FOR IT IN THE FUTURE. ASKED BY A POLISH JOURNALIST IF OUT OF THIS AID WOULD BE GIVEN ONLY BASED ON COMPASSION RATHER THAN NEED, AKHUND SAID NO THAT 90 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET IS BEING PUT IN BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. PEREZ GUERRERO THINKS THE FUND WON'T COME INTO FORCE UNTIL NEXT YEAR; ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT IS DONE THIS YEAR.

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"THIS IS THE YEAR OF ORGANIZATION."

SIMILARITY BETWEEN CIEC AND LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE- THE EFFECT OF BARGAINING IN THE PARIS DIALOG CARRIES OVER TO THE CURRENT LOS IN NEW YORK. PEREZ GUERRERO NOTED THAT THERE WAS A CERTAIN DISCUSSION OF THIS IN PARIS; THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF LOS MEETING AND SHOULD NOT ANTICIPATE WHAT MIGHT COME OUT OF IT.

EFFECT OF PARIS CONFERENCE-

PEREZ GUERRERO CONCLUDED THAT THE "PARIS CONFERENCE WAS NOT LIMITED TO WHAT WE ACHIEVED BUT TO WHAT WE DID NOT ACHIEVE", MANY LESSONS CAN BE DRAWN FROM IT. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES VERY MUCH WANTED TO CONTINUE THE DIALOG; FEELS THAT NOW THEY HAVE A NEGOTIATING POWER MORE THAN EVER BEFORE AND WILL NOT FAIL IN ACHIEVING GOALS IN FUTURE DEBATE; THAT THEY WILL FIND MORE AND MORE RECEPTIVITY THAN IN PARIS TO THEIR POINT OF VIEW, BUT AT THE SAME TIME REMAIN RECEPTIVE TO THE POSITIONS OF THE OTHER SIDE, ASKED IF IN USING NEW BARGAINING POWER, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD USE OIL AS A WEAPON, PEREZ GUERRERO SAID THEY THINK OF IT MORE AS AN INSTRUMENT, AND WOULD USE IT WITH REASON; CAN ONLY WONDER HOW THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD WOULD USE IT IF THEY HAD IT." WE HOPE TO USE IT WISELY."

GROUP OF 77 POSITION NOW-

AFTER THE INITIAL PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, THEY NOW AWAIT DOCUMENTATION FROM PARIS BEFORE REACTING FURTHER TO NEW SPECIAL SESSION OR OTHERWISE. HE EXPECTS THE GROUP OF 77 TO CERTAINLY COME UP WITH NEW PROPOSALS, BUT TOO EARLY NOW TO SAY WHAT.

ROLE OF SOVIETS AND ALLIES--

IT IS NECESSARY TO COME BACK TO THE UN TO DISCUSS NOT ONLY ENERGY BUT ALL PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD ORDER, AND " HERE WE FIND MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARIS DIALOG,

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SUCH AS THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA. WE WANT THEM TO TELL
US HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT. "

CARTEL OF RAW MATERIALS-
ASKED IF A CARTEL OF THIS SORT MIGHT MATERIALIZE,
PEREZ GUERRERO SAID HE DOESN'T LIKE THE WORD "CARTEL" THAT
"IT DOESN'T APPLY TO US". WE ARE GOING TO ORGANIZE OUR
OWN COOPERATION IN RAW MATERIAL
EXPORTS BETTER, BUT THIS IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANYBODY,
BUT IS A GOOD BASIS TO BEGIN, GOOD FOR EVERYBODY."

STATEMENT BY MR. IQBAL AKHUND, CHAIRMAN OF
THE GROUP OF 77

THE GROUP OF 77 MET ON JUNE 7 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
HEARING A REPORT CONCERNING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED
CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION FROM
THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CIEC AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GGROU
OF 19, MINISTER OF STATE MR. MANUEL PEREZ-GUERRERO. THE
GROUP EXPRESSED ITS DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO MR. MANUEL
PEREZ-GUERRERO FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE AND ITS FULL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR
THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE GROUP OF 19 TO SEEK SOLUTIONS OF
THE PRESSING PROBLEMS FACING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
IN THE COURSE OF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE RESULTS OF THE PARIS
CONFERENCE, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR
DETERMINATION TO PURSUE THE OBJECTIVE OF ESTABLISHING A NEW
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH WOULD ENSURE EQUITY AND
JUSTICE FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ENHANCE WELFARE AND
PROSPERITY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. UNQUOTE
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